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MEMORANDUM FOR: CIA Member, United States Intelligence Board

THROUGH   :   Deputy Director for Administration

FROM   :   CIA Member, Security Committee, USIB

SUBJECT   :   Community-wide Computer Assisted
                    Compartmentation Control System (4C)

1.   Action Requested: This memorandum briefly outlines
the development of the Community-wide Computer Assisted
Compartmentation Control System (4C) proposal, scheduled
for discussion at the 25 September USIB meeting. It recom-
mends that you take one of two positions during this discussion.

2.   Basic Data:

     a.   The concept and general design of the proposed
4C system was developed by an ad hoc working group of the
Security Committee, after an earlier proposal for a Community
Limited Access Intelligence Register (CLAIRE) was returned
to the Security Committee by the USIB for further review
and recommendations. The 4C system proposal was developed
by the working group in lieu of the proposed CLAIRE system,
because the latter failed to satisfy certain Department of
Defense requirements.

     b.   The proposed system would establish a centralized
data base of bigot listed and compartmented access approvals,
e.g., SI, TK. This data base would be maintained on a small
dedicated computer at CIA Headquarters, but would be remotely
accessible through computer terminals located at single focal
points within participating Community agencies in the Washington
area. Later, the concept could be expanded to permit direct
access from other locations in the United States. Terminal
access would permit not only the verification of an individual's
access approvals, but also maintenance of the data base.

     c.   In submitting the 4C proposal to the USIB, the
Chairman, Security Committee, indicated that the Committee
was making four recommendations to the USIB, including that

the USIB endorse the concept, authorize its implementation,
designate the Office of Joint Computer Support, CIA, as
executive agent, determine that CIA fund the central facil-
ity and other agencies fund the cost of their own computer
terminals. The statement of these recommendations does not
accurately reflect the conclusions of the Security Committee,
but rather the recommendations of the Chairman. The Com-
mittee itself only endorsed the concept of the proposal and
commended it to USIB consideration in satisfaction of the
Director of Central Intelligence's expressed desire for a
centralized and automated capability for controlling com-
partmented approvals.

3. Staff Position:

a. As the proposal was developed in the working
group and discussed by the Security Committee, its provi-
sions were staffed within the Agency. In this Agency
coordination process, all four directorates endorsed the
concept of the proposal, although perhaps this endorsement
failed to reflect any great enthusiasm for the idea. Further,
it is questionable whether consideration of the concept
included in depth analysis of the cost factors involved.

b. In fact, in developing the proposal, the working
group cautiously avoided addressing the funding problem
associated with the concept, since this group interpreted
their tasking as not including the question of where the
funds for such a project would originate.

c. The recommendation that CIA fund purchase and
maintenance of the central facility, if approved, would
severely impact on other programs. The extent of this impact
is difficult to identify without further study. Other con-
siderations suggesting deferment of a decision to implement
the system included Privacy Act considerations and the current
work load of the Office of Joint Computer Support.

d. In view of the need for further action in ana-
lyzing the funding problem and further consideration of the
impact on the Office of Joint Computer Support, it is believed
that development of the 4C system should be delayed to permit
a more detailed examination of the proposal.

4. Recommendation: In the discussion of the 4C system
proposal at the Board on 25 September, it is recommended
that you propose deferring action on this agenda item for

30 to 60 days to permit the Agency's Management Committee
to examine and discuss the proposal in more detail before
an Agency position is finalized. If this proposal is not
acceptable to the Board, it is recommended that you propose
that:

     a. The USIB endorse the concept of the proposal,
but delay authorization of its implementation.

     b. Support the designation of CIA (not the Office
of Joint Computer Support) as executive agency for the
system, if it is implemented, and

     c. Remand to the Security Committee for further
study and recommendation the question of funding and cost
effectiveness.

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USIB Security Committee

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